

## New Year's Traditions Trivia

1. Which town in South Africa holds a special carnival, where people sing and dance wearing brightly coloured clothes and face paint and each neighbourhood has their own unique clothes and colours?
  - a. Cape Town
  - b. Johannesburg
  - c. Durban
  - d. Pretoria
2. In which country do people leave broken dishes on your front porch for good luck?
  - a. Ireland
  - b. Korea
  - c. Denmark
  - d. Egypt
3. When is the Jewish New Year celebrated?
  - a. Winter
  - b. Spring
  - c. Summer
  - d. Fall
4. In Portugal and Spain, as the clock strikes midnight, people \_\_\_\_ at each of the 12 chimes.
  - a. Make a wish
  - b. Eat a grape
  - c. Blow out a candle
  - d. Take a sip of their drinks
5. Why do some people in Japan eat long noodles on New Years Eve as they listen to Buddhist temples ring their bells 108 times?
  - a. To wish for a long life
  - b. For good luck
  - c. To welcome good spirits
  - d. They are hungry
6. Which custom do many people in Brazil take part in to ring in the New Year?
  - a. Wear a completely white outfit
  - b. Run into the ocean and jump seven waves
  - c. Throw flowers into the ocean
  - d. All the above

7. In which country do people wear polka-dots and eat round fruits on New Year's Eve for prosperity in the upcoming year?
  - a. Portugal
  - b. Paraguay
  - c. Papua New Guinea
  - d. Philippines
  
8. Which country hosts the world's largest fireworks display?
  - a. Australia
  - b. France
  - c. United States
  - d. Canada
  
9. When does Islamic New Year take place?
  - a. Winter
  - b. Summer
  - c. Spring
  - d. Fall
  
10. Which country celebrates Seollal, a three-day celebration based on the lunar calendar in January or February and enjoys watching the first sunrise of the New Year on the beach?
  - a. Thailand
  - b. Cambodia
  - c. South Korea
  - d. China
  
11. Diwali, a major New Year festival celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs, takes place in the fall and is also known as the Festival of \_\_\_\_?
  - a. Food
  - b. Friends
  - c. Lights
  - d. Love
  
12. What is another name for the Chinese New Year, which takes place on the lunar calendar?
  - a. Winter Festival
  - b. Spring Festival
  - c. Beijing Festival
  - d. Moon Festival
  
13. Where do people celebrate Hogmanay?
  - a. Ireland

- b. Scotland
  - c. England
  - d. Wales
14. Which country bakes a cake with a coin inside, bringing whoever gets that slice a year of good luck?
- a. Greece
  - b. Brazil
  - c. Canada
  - d. Indonesia
15. What food is considered a must for New Year's Eve in Austria, Cuba, and Portugal?
- a. Apples
  - b. Noodles
  - c. Pork
  - d. Bread
16. Why do many people in the Southern United States eat black-eyed peas on New Year's day?
- a. For good luck and prosperity
  - b. To bring friends and family a peaceful year
  - c. For a healthy long life
  - d. To use up the previous year's leftovers
17. In which country do people who want to travel take a suitcase and carry it around the house on New Year's Eve?
- a. Hungary
  - b. Angola
  - c. Venezuela
  - d. Turkey
18. In which country do people wear masks to burn on New Year's Eve to drive away bad luck?
- a. Spain
  - b. Nigeria
  - c. Ecuador
  - d. Italy
19. What do they throw out the window in Naples to symbolize a new start for the New Year?
- a. Feathers

- b. Clothes
- c. Flowers
- d. Furniture

20. In Romania they dress up as animals and dance to ward off evil spirits for the New Year. What is the most popular animal to dress up as?

- a. Bear
- b. Goat
- c. Horse
- d. Rabbit

Answers: 1a, 2c, 3d, 4b, 5a, 6d, 7d, 8a, 9d, 10c, 11c, 12b, 13b, 14a, 15c, 16a, 17c, 18c, 19d, 20a

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